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1. PRINCIPALS AND ALTERNATES REMAINING THREE IVP SLOTS REJECTED BY GOA. PROPOSE DR ABDUL WAHID MALIKYAR (PRESIDENT SECONDARY EDUCATION) AS REPLACEMENT TARZI AND MRS NAFISA ABASSI (EDITOR MERMOM, PUBLISHED BY AFGHAN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE) AS REPLACEMENT SHALIZI.

2. MALIKYAR BRIGHT AND ABLE, HIGHER EDUCATION IN GERMANY, KEY CONTACT WITH COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY TEACHERS COLLEGE TEAM, PEACE CORPS AND USIS. UNDERSTANDS SOME ENGLISH BUT NEEDS INTERPRETER. MALIKYAR WAS PRINCIPAL 1973 CANDIDATE BUT COULD NOT TRAVEL DUE ILL HEALTH. NEVER VISITED U.S. CAN TRAVEL WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

3. ABASSI EXPERIENCED IN AFGHAN MEDIA AND EXCELLENT REPRESENTATIVE EMERGING AFGHAN WOMEN. ENGLISH POSSIBLE BUT MAY NEED INTERPRETER. CAN TRAVEL ASAP. NEVER VISITED U.S.

4. MINISTER EDUCATION APPROVED BOTH TODAY. IN VIEW RECENT MFA/EMBASSY DIFFERENCES OVER IVP, WE WISH MOVE QUICKLY WITH FORMAL NOMINATION TO MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS. DEPT CONCURRENCE NEEDED ASAP.

5. WE WILL GIVE NEWBERRY FULL BRIEFING ON ALL ASPECTS IVP AND DIFFICULTIES WE HAVE WITH MFA REGARDING PROGRAM. WILL ALSO DISCUSS FUTURE PROCEDURES WHICH WE HOPE WILL OBVIATE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED THIS YEAR. WE WOULD HOPE ABOVE NOMINEES CAN BE SUBMITTED TO MFA PRIOR NEWBERRY'S ARRIVAL IN SUFFICIENT TIME ALLOW AFGHAN RESPONSE. WE WOULD PREFER THESE GRANTS NOT REPEAT NOT BE PART OF DISCUSSIONS WITH AFGHANS DURING VISIT.

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